



*June 10, 2011*

**The 12<sup>th</sup> annual employee Health Fair** is here! Come down to City Hall today **from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** There will be many gift card giveaways for those that come and register including gift cards for restaurants, gas stations, shoe stores and i-tunes with the big prize being a Wii Fitness. Other fun giveaways too including Spin and Win and more than 20 vendors! Thank you to the HR Department for making this such a wonderful and educational event for COF employees.

**June is open enrollment month** for medical and dental insurance changes. Please complete a Medical and Dental change form and return to HR between June 1<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>. Changes will be effective July 1, 2011.

**Stormwater Coordinator Crystal Bishop's presentation "From Storm Drain to Bath Drain: A Stormwater Program Shows Students the Waters of Tennessee" has been selected for the *Sustaining the Blue Planet: Global Water Education Conference!*** The presentation will be about the field days she hosted for the Freedom Intermediate School 6<sup>th</sup> graders at Eastern Flank Battlefield Park last September. Crystal wants to thank Jeff Willoughby, Tom Ingram, Micah Wood, Todd Snackenberg, and Andrew Orr as well as Michael Cain (HRWA), Brad Halfacre (Tennessee State Parks), and Ms Barbara Orr (6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Freedom) for helping make the field day a success! Congratulations to this team of professionals and great teamwork by all!

In a year where deadly tornadoes have struck multiple states including Tennessee, killing hundreds and damaging countless homes and buildings, **the City of Franklin is expanding its outdoor warning siren system. A new siren was installed recently in east Cool Springs on Carothers Parkway near the Marriott and placed in service on May 24. Franklin Fire Assistant Chief Todd Horton** said the addition of the siren, which cost around \$30,000 to purchase and install, brings the total number of outdoor warning sirens in the city to 16. According to Horton, the siren, which has a radius of a little more than a half mile, will provide coverage to approximately 2,000 homes and 200 businesses. Previously the closest sirens for the area were located on either Mallory Lane or Liberty Pike in McKay's Mill. Horton said another siren is scheduled to be installed this year in the Westhaven community. Additionally, he said the city is in the process of finalizing a joint venture with the City of Brentwood to install a siren in the Franklin Road and Moore's Lane area.

**Franklin Police K9, Axel, and his partner Officer Brett Spivy, recently qualified for the United States Police Canine Association National trials. The duo finished with 620 out of 700 possible points and received a 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy for agility.** The Franklin Police Department's K9 Unit currently consists of four canine/police officer teams. The Department's newest dog, Bolo, was named by students from eight different schools in Franklin's Special School District. Bolo and

Officer Ryan Frazier are currently completing an intensive 20-week training program and are scheduled to hit the street this October.

Let's all give a round of applause to **Brian Wilcox**! He is the winner of the Mayor's parking spot next week! **Matt Reinders nominated Brian** and several others. Matt said, "**I'd like to nominate Brian, for coordinating the quick and efficient purchase of a second-hand bucket truck, purchased with a positive customer service attitude, on the Friday afternoon of Memorial Day weekend.**" Brian you can stop clapping now and begin parking in the Mayor's spot on Monday June 13-17. If you see someone doing a good job, nominate them at [agoodjob@franklintn.gov](mailto:agoodjob@franklintn.gov).

And **we have a second winner this week** since I will be out next (my family and I will be on a mission trip with our church youth group); I am giving my spot to....**Jim Maxwell**. Jim was nominated by **Milissa Reiersen**. **Milissa said, "Jim always has a positive attitude and works very hard to keep our facilities looking great. He is a pleasure to work with and would drop what he is doing in a moment's notice to help with any special requests."** Jim you can begin parking in my spot next week June 13-17.

**Touch a Truck** is this evening from **4-7pm at Pinkerton Park**. Thank you to all our public works employees who make this event such a success each year. I know Franklin's youngest citizens really enjoy this event. The first **movie in the park** will be held after Touch a Truck. The movie is **Furry Vengeance**. Bring a blanket and a picnic and enjoy the movie. **We appreciate the Parks Department Employees who make these events so much fun for Franklin families**

Have a nice weekend everyone and thank you for all you do.

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